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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following references:

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U.S. Patent No. 4,534,843, Hirbour et al.

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U.S. Patent No. 4,775,046, Gramarossa et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,762,544, Zuniga et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,235,634, Law et al.

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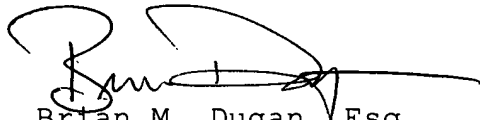
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this  
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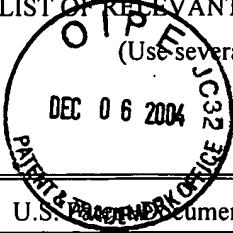
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